

# DURANT WEEKLY NEWS

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## County Values Heavily Raised

and Lots Values Given per cent Hike. Some Doubled in Assessed Live Stock up a Third.

time ago the state au- Frank Carter made a statement in which he said the tax levy of Okla- was insufficient to raise revenue based upon property valuations. Heavy raises in as- would be necessary.

prediction has come true. State Board of Equa- has handed it to Bryan property owners good plenty. Here are some raised from valuations upon taxable property owners.

Land 40 per cent. Lots 40 per cent. Live- 1-3 per cent. Diamonds 100 per cent. Law Libraries 100 per cent. and others in small- 50 per cent. From lands were raised 50 per cent. own Lots 40 per cent. but were reduced to a flat 40 per cent. on reconsideration.

raised affecting fully of the valuations will pro- duce the assessed val- of the county by four dollars, and thereby much more revenue the same rate of tax levy.

## Expert Ropers Contest at Fair

Gus Massey, Contest Manager Secures Seventy Head of Wild Texas Long Horns for The Ropers to Try Their Skill on.

The roping contest, to be staged at the county fair each of the four days promises to be the biggest event of its kind ever staged in the southwest, according to Gus Massey the big guy of the white hat and silk shirt who is doing the pro- moting.

Gus went to Ft. Worth this week and bought outright seventy head of steers to be used in the contest. He hunted out the animals with the long- horn horns, the greatest speed and the meanest disposition he could find and expresses satisfaction at the result.

Several weeks ago this same Gus Massey sent a letter to every wild steer roper and buck- ing horse rider in the south- west, middle west and west, in which he invited them to com- catch his wild steers and offer- ed the biggest prizes offered anywhere. Fact is that there is \$500 in prize money hung up every day which is said to be a greater sum than is offered at the famous Cheyenne contest. Gus says that the replies he has received indicates that forty or fifty roping experts will be here to try for the money.

## Bryan County Victory Fair Last Four Days Next Week

Bryan County's Victory Fair is about here, starts next Wed- nesday, September the third and lasts all the week. Indi- cations are that the fair this year will have the most and best exhibits, the best amuse- ments, the biggest attractions, and the largest crowds in the history of the fair.

**Soldiers' Homecoming.** The first day, Wednesday is dedicated to the return soldiers and called Soldiers Homecom- ing day. Sometime between now and ten o'clock in the morning of the first day of the fair all returned soldiers are requested to register at the Commercial Association's of- fices. This will provide the soldier with an identification card, and this card entitles the soldier and lady to free admis- sion to the fair, complimentary tickets to all concessions on the ground and the absolute freedom of the institution for the day. Soldiers are not re- quired to wear uniforms, they using their own pleasure in that regard.

**Free Barbecue on Ground.** The citizens of Durant have put up the jits for thirty head of steers, and several tons of bread, which will be slaughtered and sliced for barbecue on the ground. Barbecued meat and bread will be absolutely free to everyone within the grounds on that day. Visitors are asked however to bring along their own lunch baskets containing such cakes, pies, salads and other condiments as they may wish as the free goods consists only of bread and barbecue.

**Red Cross Canteens.** The Red Cross organization will have charge of the serving of the huge meal. The Red Cross will also operate canteens on the ground that day, from which soldiers and their ladies will be served free with Cream cones, cold drinks, and the sol- diers with free cigarettes.

**Stores Asked to Close.** All places of business in the city are being requested by the Fair Association to close their places of business from eleven o'clock to three on the first day in order that the whole public may enjoy the fair to the fullest extent.

**Awarding of Premiums.** The second day, Thursday will be the day on which all en- tries in the various depart- ments will be judged by dis- interested experts for premium awards. The judges are to be as follows: Live Stock, Jas A. Wilson, Director of Extension work for Oklahoma of Still- water; Farm Products, C. W. Callerman, South Central Dis- trict Agent of Stillwater;

Poultry, C. M. Smith, Poultry Specialist of the A. & M. Col- lege at Stillwater; Womens Departments, Miss Anna Lee Liehl, Eastern Oklahoma Dis- trict Womens Agent of Still- water. The premiums this year in all departments are very liberal and have already been given publicly in these columns and in the fair cata- logue which has been distri- buted broadcast over the terri- tory.

**Boys and Girls Club Day.** The Third day is to be Boys and Girls Club day when in- terest will center chiefly around the activities of the various club works being car- ried on by the Farm Agent and the Home Demonstrator.

**The Last Day.** The last day is the day of all, and in the afternoon an event will be staged, which has been advertised in circulars, but which owing to a postal regu- lation cannot be described here.

**Races an Amusement.** Each day of the fair in the afternoon there will be bicy- cle races, horse races, automobile races, and airplane flights in- cluding some fancy and trick flying which promises new thrills.

**Transportation to Grounds.** Announcement is made by the Fair Association that a large number of service cars will be on hand to transport fair visitors from town to the grounds at a charge of fifteen cents per person.

**The Associations Invitation.** The NEWS is requested by the Fair Association to extend the public an invitation to at- tend the big Victory Fair, where the best time in the his- tory of the fair is assured. Let us celebrate together the coming of Victory and peace good crops and prosperity.

**Boys Bicycle Races.** Boys bicycle races, free for all entrants, have been arranged for each of the four after- noons. Each day prizes of \$5, \$2.50 and \$1.25 will be awarded. The first three days being in the nature of preliminaries or elimination races, and the winners of the first three days will contest Saturday, first prize winner receiving a fifty dollar bicycle.

**Farmers For the Fair.** President Walter Rambo of the Fair has spent much time in the country talking the fair and reports that interest in the fair is great, and that the returned soldiers among the farmers are strong for the Home Coming day on the first day, when the free barbecue, free smokes and free every- thing else, will be there for the returned fighting men.

## No Profiteering Found Here

Council of Defense Finds that In Dry Goods Field Goods Are Being Sold at Fair Prices Often Below Present Cost.

The newly organized County Council of defense, organized in each county of the state at the instance of Governor Rob- ertson this week conducted hearings as to costs and prices affecting the dry goods and clothing business. Represen- tatives of several of the leading dry goods and clothing houses in the city appeared before the board and all but one firm pre- sented their invoices showing costs of goods, and their sell- ing prices on the same items. The board after careful inves- tigation of the documents shown and statements made declared that the local dry goods stores that were before them are selling merchandise at fair prices, and that in many instances goods are being sold at a figure lower than the goods can be replaced for on the present wholesale market.

Next week and in weeks to come, the Board will take up investigation of other lines of business, such a groceries meat markets, general stores and so forth. Findings in each instance are to be reported.

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## Two Districts To Be Paved

Evergreen Street, Elm Street And Sixteenth Avenue fell Thru. Doing it all Over on Elm Street.

After several days tangle as a result of the filing and con- sideration of bids for the pay- ing of city streets in five new districts, the matter now stands as follows:

The alleys are to be paved with fibre brick over concrete base. South Second avenue is to be paved in the same manner from the Frisco tracks two blocks south. Both districts' contracts were awarded to the Ardmore Construction Com- pany.

The petition of property owners for the paving of Elm street specified that the cost per front foot must not exceed \$4.75, exclusive of intersection. The engineers estimate ex- ceeded this sum, as did the low- est of all the bids filled. This made it mandatory upon the council on the face of the pe- tition to reject all bids. A mass meeting of Elm street property owners spoke in favor of paving, and requested the council to start the thing all over again and proceed by re- solution. The resolution was passed and is being publish-

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## Advance Showing of Fall Ready-to-Wear

The very earliest of the season Ready-to-wear is now view in our special display of advance models of Suits, Coats and Dresses in correct fall fashions.

## Fall Suits

Distinctively different and becomingly styled in many modes of fashioning, but are, in the correct vogue of already estab- lished wear for Fall—ranging in price from \$14.85 to \$125.00

## Collared Coats for Early Autumn Wear

Many of these new coats have the cho- collar in short haired furs which gives an unusually smart effect. Others new coats have muffler style of col- lar, but all of the new fur collared coats are exceptionally dressy, and while am- are most attractively cut and shaped. Favored Fur is included in these Collared Coats—ranging in price from \$14.85 to \$95.00

## Millinery Creations Fashionable Fall Hats

Here are some of the pres of new styles which are now showing ex- clusively for the first time this season. The wide variety of distinctively different models gives a splendid choice of a be- coming hat to suit every type of feminine attrac- tiveness—ranging in price from \$3.00 to \$17.50

**Brown & Co**  
THE CASH STORE  
DURANT, OKLA.

## Old Water Mill

They made the best flour in the world, the dough was so easy to work, seem so full of life, biscuits were light as a feather, would actually melt in your mouth.

WHAT DO YOU THINK! We HAVE

## Found Us a Water Mill

Its up in old Missouri where the finest wheat grows, and water power is much cheaper than steam—we can sell our FOREST ROSE, Pure Soft Wheat Flour at per hundred \$4.95

"ELKS." Highest patent pure soft Wheat, beats any flour made in the state, none barred, per hundred \$5.65

Come around and see our store and get a glimpse of modern merchandising.

## Cobb & Strickland

The Busy Second Avenue Grocery Store



## Most Schools Begin

In the next week or ten days prudent mothers will

## Begin to Get The Children Ready Now

and save money and expense.

## You Want Dependable

School cloths, Shoes, Hose, etc., and want them to fit wear and look well, so that they will not feel ill at ease or not enjoy wearing them.

## We've Made Special Preparations

for this important event for not only the boys and girls, but for the

## Teachers Also

many of whom will leave for their schools and will need many things before they go. We made special efforts to get in coats, suits, dresses, millinery, shoes, etc., and are outfitting many of them now. Come now before the rush is on.

Buy Early  
**Durant Mercantile Co**  
Save 10 to 50 Percent  
GOOD THINGS TO WEAR